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# HISTORY OF TAMA COUNTY, IOWA

## LOCATION.

Tama County is situated in latitude 42-13 and longitude 15 and 16, and is the 50th county west of the Mississippi River, is the 51th tier of counties from the southern line of the State, and bounded on the north by Grundy and Blackhawk, on the south by Pope, on the west by Marshall, on the east by Benton counties, and contains 29 congressional townships, each of which is six miles square, and are known as townships eighty-two (82), eighty-three (83), eighty-four (84), eighty-five (85), eighty-six (86), of range thirteen (13), fourteen (14), fifteen (15), and sixteen (16), being 20 miles wide and 30 miles long, north and south, containing 120 square miles, and 479,000 acres of land.

## SURFACE.

The general surface of this county is gently undulating, and at a varying distance from the principal streams there are large islands of bluffs, generally wooded; between them and the stream are the bottom lands, consisting of nearly a pure alluvial soil, susceptible of the highest cultivation and of unsurpassed fertility. When near the northern boundary and the north-western corner, these bluffs rise to a height of from one to two hundred feet, and are quite abrupt facing the river, while on the opposite side the rise is gradual, and ascending to the top of these bluffs the eye beholds a very picturesque and magnificent sight. The gigantic rolls of prairie, the many varied streams, the gentle bluffs crowned with a dense growth of timber, present a very attractive sight.

## SOIL.

The soil of Tama County is of the same nature as that of many of the other Iowa counties, especially the bottom lands, which are almost all extremely rich and productive, while on the high clayey portions, which are nevertheless rich and productive, and are famous for fine farms. All the cereals, vegetables and fruits cultivated in this latitude flourish well here.





# TAMA COUNTY.

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## LOCATION.

Tama County is situated in latitude 42:15 and longitude 15 and 16, and is the fifth county west of the Mississippi river, in the fifth tier of counties from the southern line of the State, and bounded on the north by Grundy and Blackhawk, on the south by Poweshiek, on the west by Marshall, on the east by Benton counties, and embraces 20 congressional townships, each of which is six miles square, and are known as townships eighty-two (82), eighty-three (83), eighty-four (84), eighty-five (85) eighty-six (86), of ranges thirteen (13), fourteen (14), fifteen (15), and sixteen (16), being 20 miles wide and 30 miles long, north and south, containing 720 square miles, and 470,000 acres of land.

## SURFACE.

The general surface of the county is gently undulating, and at a varying distance from the principal streams, rises an irregular line of bluffs, generally wooded ; between them and the streams are the bottom lands, consisting of nearly a pure silicious loam, susceptible of the highest cultivation and of unsurpassed fertility; while near the northern boundary and the south-eastern corner, these bluffs rise to an height of from one to two hundred feet, and are quite abrupt facing the river, while on the opposite side the rise is gradual, and ascending to the tops of these bluffs the eye beholds a very picturesque and magnificent sight. The gigantic rolls of prairie, the many varied streams, the gentle bluffs crowned with a fine growth of timber, present a very attractive sight.

## SOIL.

The soil of Tama County is of the same nature as Benton county, of nearly a pure silicious, especially the bottom lands, which are alluvial and extremely rich and productive, while on the bluffs clay predominates, but is nevertheless rich and productive, and are fenced off into fine farms. All the cereals, vegetables and fruits cultivated in this latitude flourish well here.



## TIMBER.

The principal body of timber growing in the county lies in the south half—the largest portion of which lines the banks of the Iowa River. Also along the banks of the principal streams, while the larger portion of the bluffs are covered. In the northern portion of the county several fine bodies of timber are to be found, sufficient for all coming purposes unless wantonly destroyed; while in the vicinity of Monticello lays a large body of timber. The general varieties are white, black and burr oak, walnut, hickory, maple, cottonwood, linn, elm, ash, mulberry, butternut, &c., while the natural fruit trees are the thorn and crab-apple, plum, cherry, grape, and hazel-nut.

The timber, as a general thing, attains a large growth, is of a fine quality, and extensively used for all the purposes of life.

## RIVERS AND STREAMS.

The principal stream in Tama county is the Iowa River which enters the county near the northwest corner of Indian township, and crosses in a southeasterly course, and enters Benton county a little north of the southeast corner. This, with its numerous tributaries, the principal of which is the Otter Creek, rising near the center of the county, and running in an easterly course, contributes to the Iowa, Salt Creek upon the eastern side of the county, runs in a northerly course and empties into the Iowa, Sugar Creek upon the west side of the county, and Deer Creek rising in Spring Creek township, each after running in a southerly direction, flows into the Iowa, also Richland Creek, rising in the southeastern part of the county, running east empties into the Iowa. While in the north part of the county it is well supplied with Wolfe Creek which flows directly across the county in an irregular course and passes on through Benton, county entering into the Cedar River. Most of these afford abundance of water for all ordinary manufacturing purposes at all times of the year, and along the banks of these will be found a number of mills. Beside the above there are other streams tributary to these, and many very fine springs. The water is clear, tasteless and abundant, and furnishes plenty for stock at all seasons.

## STONE, COAL AND MINERALS.

Coal and minerals have not been discovered as yet in this county, although good judges are satisfied that coal exists, but stone has





been found not only along the river banks, but in the bluffs in the northern part of the county. Stone can be found in abundance in Lincoln and Geneseo townships in what is called fifteen Mile and Six Mile Grove, while in the southwestern portion of the county in Indian township, can be found a large quarry of stone, from all appearance inexhaustible. This stone is of peculiar formation. It belongs to the sub carboniferous limestone of the lower series. It looks as if it was a compact mass of fish spawn cemented together with a pure crystalline calc spar without a particle of sand or quartz in it. The solidity and compactness of the formation renders it susceptible of the highest polish. The beds are some twelve feet in thickness, consisting of three layers divided as follows:

- 1st. Thin bedded sandy limestone, 3 feet.
- 2d. Thin bedded oolitic limestone, 4 feet.
- 3d. Heavy bedded irregular limestone, grey, with bluish tinge, 6 feet.

Below this will be found thin beds of carboniferous limestone from 8 to 10 feet.

### HISTORY.

The first permanent settlement in the county was made while it belonged judicially to Benton county, although several parties had squatted previous to this, even before the organization of Benton county in 1845, but were of that roving class who were not content to remain, but turned their steps towards the setting sun for unexplored territory. In 1849, three brothers named Anthony, William and Robert Wilkinson, came into the county in what is now Richland township, and located, purchasing lands in that vicinity with the government warrants issued to them for services in the Mexican war. Soon after choosing their spot their mother and three sisters took up their residence with them. This was the only family permanently located until 1850, when Isaac Asher settled in the western part of the county, near Indiantown. Soon after this, in the same neighborhood, came William Taylor. Soon followed in the same neighborhood, Eli Daily, N. J. Blodgett, Anthony Brier, Wm. Huston, J. H. Voorhees, Wm. Boorler, Wm. Wilson; also in the same vicinity, a few months afterwards, came Isaac Butler, Washington Abbott, William Boren. These all located in and around Indian township, near what is now called Indiantown. In 1851, David, Jacob and Levi Applegate settled in



what is now Carleton township. In the fall of the same year N. L. Osborn settled on Wolf Creek, in what is now know as Perry township. In the same year David Dean settled in Buckingham township. The fall of '57, Christian Bruner and several others located on Deer creek, in Howard township.

In the spring of 1852, the northern part of the county was again invaded by Col. John Connell and brother, Jonas and J. P. Woods and Wm. Hitchner. After locating their claims, a part of them returned and brought out their families. These all settled in what is now known as Perry township. Following these, came Judge Graham and brother, R. A. Redman, Miron Blodgett, John Ross, J. H. Hollen and brother, George Carter, John C. Vermilya, Mr. Hall, Dr. Daniel, Mr. Elm, and several others.

The county was surveyed about the same time as Benton, in 1843-44-45 and 46, by A. L. Brown and his assistants, and remained attached to Benton county until 1853. The first officers for the county while connected with Benton were James Mitchell as county judge, J. R. Pratt as county clerk, James Downs as sheriff, and L. W. Hays as recorder, and John Royal as the school fund commissioner. It remained attached to Benton county during the terms of Judge Mitchell, Hon. D. S. Pratt, Hon. John Alexander, and until the second year of Hon. John Forsythe's term.

On the first Monday of August, 1852, the first election ever held in Tama county took place, and resulted in the organization of Howard, Indian, and Buckingham townships. The total number of votes cast was 8. These three townships embraced the whole of Tama county, Buckingham including the northern portion, Indian village township all the west and southwest, and Howard the balance. These have since been reduced and are now divided into twenty-four civil townships, known as Lincoln, Grant, Buckingham, Genesco, Spring Creek, Crystal, Perry, Clark, Carleton, Howard, Carrol, Oneida, Indian, Toledo, Otter Creek, York, Highland, Columbia, Richland, and Salt Creek.

The county was organized on the first Monday of May, 1853, at which time the total vote did not amount to as many as the least populated township in the last election. It, however, resulted in the choice of John C. Vermilya as County Judge, John Ross, Recorder and Treasurer, Myron Blodgett, Sheriff, and David D. Applegate as County Clerk. These were the first county officers





ever elected, and like its neighboring counties, and as was the prevailing custom in those days, they indulged, one and all, in a jolly spree, and became most gloriously drunk. Thus was the judicial life of Tama County brought before the world.

These men however, by the statute, could only hold these offices temporarily, or until the general election which took place on the first Monday of the August following, this being the first general election in the county, and at which, seventy-two votes were polled for the entire county, although, prior to this, several commissions had been issued to Justices of the Peace. The principal county officers have been as follows;

Hon. John C. Vermilya, Judge Clark, T. F. Bradford, T. A. Graham, T. S. Free as County Judges. David Applegate and L. B. Blinn, County Clerks, with the usual change of all the minor officers. The county, unlike its sister on the east, did not have the various bands of desperadoes through it, harrassing the people, destroying their property, and carrying terror to the hearts of all. But with one or two exceptions it has had a quite rapid, and healthy growth, and stands to-day among the healthiest and most productive counties in the State.

The first trial in the county, of any kind, as near as we can learn, was held under what was commonly known as Court House Tree, while standing, it being destroyed by lightning some time ago. It was rather a novel case and tried in a still more novel form. It appears that J. H. Hollen had come into the county and after prospecting around finally located upon a tract of land, which a man by the name of Carter claimed he had entered, but upon Hollen investigating the matter he found that this George Carter had been claiming lands in all parts of the county, and as a party came and located he claimed it as his, and rather than give up their choice, the parties generally paid him his demands. By so doing he realized more money than the farmer or emigrant who would cultivate it for years. This was tried with Mr. Hollen, who when he found out the principle, was determined to resist the same. Hence the trial above.

Mr. Hollen was summoned, and, after due preliminaries, the matter was referred to a committee with full power and authority, both men binding themselves to be governed by their decision. The referees chosen was John Guin of Benton county, and W. L. Brandon of Marengo, Iowa county, but these not agreeing, Mr



Dillon of Marengo was added to the committee, who, after hearing the evidence on both sides, discharged the defendant and endorsed his claim to the land. This was the first trial in the county.

The second trial was that of the State of Iowa vs. Everett, who was accused of stealing a pair of boots. The plan adopted was as follows:

He being acquainted with a man by the name of Blodgett, who it appears had ordered a pair of boots of a man by the name of John Aldrich. The boots being finished, and Everetts being in that vicinity, and knowing that Blodgett could not call for them for a few days, thought he would procure them and see how a new pair of boots felt. He accordingly called upon Aldrich and represented that he was sent by Blodgett for the boots. Blodgett's credit being good, and Aldrich having no doubt but it was all right let Everett have the boots. A few days after this, Blodgett called for the boots when he was completely non-plussed by the news that the boots had been delivered to Everett upon his order. This naturally raised the ire of both men, and culminated in the arrest of Everett on the charge of theft. The parties appeared before Squire Hollen, Alfred Phillips for the prosecution, Noah Meyers for the defense. The prosecution it appears, upon weighing the matter, found that the boots were valued at five dollars, whereupon he demanded a jury trial. Such was the knowledge of law in those days.

The next trial, in the southern portion of the county, was that of Hiram Patty, who came into the section with a few bottles of medicine and surgical instruments. He soon ingratiated himself into the graces of a few of the prominent men in that neighborhood, and eventually to such a degree that he borrowed of some of them some money to go to Iowa City and purchase some drugs, as he was going to start a drug store. The money with true pioneer confidence was loaned, and also a valuable horse. It is almost unnecessary to say that the horse, money or man were never afterward seen in that vicinity. The few goods he left remaining, were attached, and eventually sold to partly pay the men who loaned the doctor the stamps.

The only two criminal cases of public interest in Tama Co. were the murdering of a small boy in the north part of the county, near Buckingham. It appears a Dutchman by the name of Hollenbarger came out in that vicinity and brought with him a small boy,





who it appears he was in the habit of cruelly abusing. Having stripped the boy one day in the middle of winter, and giving him an unmerciful beating, he put him into bed without the necessary clothing and care, and the cruel treatment and exposure was too much for the poor boy, who was found in the morning past all human suffering.

The next was a shooting affray in what is known as Whisky Bottom, near Oxford. A man by the name of Samuel Reed was shot by a man by the name of Seamhorn. It appears from what facts we can gather in regard to it, that between this Reed and Seamhorn a feeling of jealousy existed in regard to a girl that both wanted. These two men were walking out one day with a third party named Roberts. After proceeding some distance, the party seated themselves on a log. When they separated a little while after this, a report of a gun was heard and upon examination it was found that Reed was dead, having been shot completely through.

There was another affair that caused some considerable excitement in the north part of the county, by the lynching of a horse thief that had been captured and brought back. Reaching what is called the National Grove, there they tried to force the man to confess his crime by threatening to lynch. The joke was carried too far, for when the body was found life was extinct and the perpetrators gone.

The only other item of public interest was a few years ago. Some of our readers will remember the excitement it caused. It goes by the name of the great Indian scare. From the neighborhood we glean the following facts. It appears that some little difficulty had occurred between a man named Roberts, who had settled on what was called the Indian reserve. Two of the Indians having been down in the town, and indulging in spirit water or fire-water, as they call whisky, were on their way back, rather boisterous and noisy, and coming to Croskey's, where a daughter of the Roberts family was staying, and asking for shelter, when, it appears, the Indians talked excitedly and startled the girl, who secretly made her way out in the rear, ran home and informed her folks that the Croskey family had been murdered in their beds, and that the Indians were going to make a raid upon the town that night. This soon spread like wild-fire, and before three hours had gone by the whole vicinity was in arms, under the



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stern discipline of Captain Stivers. Pickets were sent out, reconnoitering parties were despatched, and the citizens were called out of comfortable beds to meet a formidable imaginary foe, whose mercy was blood, and glory, scalps. Forces were drilled during the long and weary hours of night, and muskets, rifles, swords, daggers, pitchforks, scythes, and all else of a destructive character were in great demand by the panic-stricken citizens, while the slow and monotonous tramp of the night guards and the stern commands of the general of the forces, as he made his usual rounds, carried still greater fear to the hearts of those who were already quaking. After waiting and watching with loaded muskets and poised swords throughout the long and weary night, reason began to assert its place, and lo and behold upon examination, the family of Croskey were found sleeping soundly, unharm-ed and unmolested, and near by were seen the stalwart frames of the Indians who had done such bloody work the previous night, stretched full length upon the floor, sleeping off the effects of the over-draught of fire-water. It is unnecessary to say the armed forces returned to their homes sleepy but wiser men, and the Indians, when they come to learn of the trouble and anxiety they had caused to the great white man, naturally enjoyed the joke as much as any.

Tama has had her share of troubles, but not to the extent of the adjoining counties. It at one time belonged to the organization of regulators, which included Clayton, Dubuque, Delaware, Buchanan, Blackhawk, Benton, Tama, and Marshall, but never took a very active part in any of its proceedings; in fact, most of the crimes and outrages that caused the above organization were committed in other counties, and, altogether, perhaps few counties in the State has had as quiet and peaceable growth as Tama.

### TOWNSHIP STATISTICS.

The valuation, population, and comparative production can be better gleaned from our sketch of the different townships.—Commencing in the north-east corner, we will take them in tiers east and west.

First is Geneseo, the north-east corner township. It is well watered by Wolfe creek, which takes its rise in fifteen mile grove. This flows almost east across the township, and with its several tributaries affords plenty of water for all purposes, and drains the



county sufficiently. Stone can be found in this township near the timber, of which there is sufficient for all ordinary purposes, unless wantonly wasted. The township consists of a fine farming surface, the soil rich and productive, and is known in the Government survey as township 86 of range 13, contains a population of four hundred and eighty-three, with ninety-eight families, and ninety-two dwellings. One post office, viz, Evergreen.

Buckingham township is the one next west of Geneseo, and bounded on the north by Blackhawk county. It consists of a fine undulating prairie, with some slight bluffs and several small bodies of timber. It has one State road passing through it, from Cedar Falls to Toledo. It contains one town, or post office, viz, Bovina, in the northern portion of the township. Wolfe Creek flows through this township, the smaller stream passing through in nearly an easterly direction, while the lower fork cuts across in the south-west corner of the township and enters Geneseo. The proposed Iowa Central Railroad passes through this township in almost a northerly course. It contains eighty-one families, with a population of four hundred and fifty-one.

Grant township lays west of Buckingham. This is bounded on the north by Grundy county. It contains some fine prairie lands, but little timber and less stone, is watered by Wolfe Creek and its tributaries, which affords abundance of stock water, and gathers the surface water in its course through the township. Population is one hundred and forty, divided into twenty-three families, with a dwelling for each family.

Lincoln township is in the north-west corner of the county.— Consists of a fine high dry silicious loam, susceptible of the most productive cultivation. It is watered by Wolfe Creek, which takes its rise in this township, in the north-west corner, in what is known as Fifteen Mile Grove, runs in almost a direct southerly line into Spring Creek township, then turns and meanders in an easterly course. This is the lower fork. The upper fork takes its rise from the springs and surface water in and around Oakwood, and flows in a south-easterly direction. Rock can be found in this township, in the north-west corner, in abundance; also a fine and large growth of timber, besides the several small groves. The body known as the Fifteen Mile Grove is in the north-west corner. It contains a population of eighty-one, divided into nineteen families. It is known in the Government survey as township eighty-six of range sixteen.



Spring Creek Township is directly south of Lincoln, and is bounded on the west by Marshall county. It contains a population of four hundred divided into seventy-four families, two post-offices, Spring Creek in the southern portion of the township, and Badger Hill in the northwestern. This is also watered by Wolfe Creek in the central and northern portion, while Deer Creek rises in the southern portion. Grundy Centre and Toledo State road passes through this township in a north and south course. The surface is of a gentle roll, just enough to drain, and contains many choice farms.

Crystal township lies south of Grant, and directly east of Spring Creek. This is also watered by Wolfe Creek with several tributaries that flow into it. It contains several small natural groves, and quite a number of artificial ones. This is mainly to be credited to the Scotch element, which is very strong in this township and to the stranger it shows thrift and industry. It has a population of four hundred and thirteen, divided into seventy families, and is one of the finest and wealthiest townships in the county. The farms as a general thing in this township are large and well cared for, and stock raising is pursued to advantage. It has one post-office, Crystal.

Perry township, south of Buckingham, and east of Crystal is one of the most productive and wealthy townships in the county, containing a population of six hundred and thirty-eight, with one hundred and eight families, contains one town, Buckingham, and two post-offices, Wolfe Creek and Buckingham. It contains one mill situated on Wolfe Creek, owned and operated by Mr. Leckins, which we shall speak of more particularly hereafter. The township is well provided with roads, having two State roads passing through in a north and south direction. It consists of nearly all prairie lands of a gentle undulating surface, little timber with the exceptions of that which skirts the principal streams. Wolfe and Salt Creeks pass through the township and thus afford abundance of water.

Clark Township, east of Perry, is of the same nature as the adjoining townships, consists of nearly all high and dry prairie, but less timber and creeks, and is not so densely populated as most of the other townships, contains thirty-one families, with a total population of one hundred and seventy-four. It is watered by Salt Creek and its tributaries.





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Oneida Township, south of Clark, is bounded on the east by Benton county, contains one post-office at Dryden near the south-east corner, contains some very fine prairie lands, and small timber. The lands in this township compare favorably with any in the county. It is watered by the numerous creeks contributing to Salt Creek. No township in the county is probably so well supplied with water as Oneida, having no less than four streams flowing through it into Salt Creek, which pass on through York and Salt Creek townships, where it enters the Iowa River. The township is crossed by the Marion and Marshalltown State road in an east and west direction. There are also plenty of county roads, all of which compare favorably with her sister townships. Population, 490.

Carroll Township, west of Oneida and south of Perry, contains some magnificent tracts of land. This formerly belonged to Howard township. Very little timber exists in this township, with the exception of what lines Salt Creek, which flows through it in a south-easterly direction. It is well drained, and affords abundance of stock water at all seasons. Some gentle bluffs can be found. These, as a general thing, have a fine growth of young timber on them. This township contains some ninety-three families, with a total population of three hundred and one. It is known as township eighty-four of range fourteen.

Howard Township, directly west of Carroll, and south of Crystal, is of the same general undulating surface, well watered by Deer Creek in the south-western portion. Several other creeks are tributary to this, and afford plenty of drainage. But little timber exists in this township, most of it being a high dry prairie. The Cedar Falls and Toledo State road passes through this township in almost a north and south direction. It is also crossed by the Marion and Marshalltown State road, and in a north-easterly course by the proposed Iowa Central Railroad. Howard, in the north-east corner of the township is the only post-office. This is known as township eighty-four of range fourteen. Population, nine hundred and forty-three.

Carleton Township, the next west of Howard, is bounded on the west by Marshall county. This township was first settled by David, Jacob and Levi Applegate. It consists of rolling prairie and some bottom lands, little timber, only sufficient for sheltering for stock. It is watered by Deer Creek, which flows across the





township in a south-easterly direction. The township has no post-office at present. Population six hundred and eighty-seven.

Indian Village Township, south of Carleton, is among the wealthiest and most populous of the county. It contains some fourteen hundred and eighty-one inhabitants, divided into two hundred and twenty-seven families. The Iowa River passes through this township almost diagonally, in a south-easterly direction, and along its bank will be found several mills. This township has peculiar advantages over the adjacent ones, from the fact that a large body of timber lines the banks of the Iowa, in its course through the township, and also from the abundance of stone to be found here. The bluffs through this section, appear to consist of a rock formation. The quality of this stone, and its extent we shall speak of elsewhere. It contains two towns, Orford and Indiantown, about two miles apart. The country is fine, the bluffs of gentle ascent, and timber and water plentiful.

Toledo Township, east of Indian township, is one of the finest in the county, contains one town and one incorporated city, namely; Monticello and Toledo, Toledo being the county seat. It contains a population of about eight hundred and eighty-two; the township, six hundred and twenty-five, making a total of fifteen hundred and seven, divided into three hundred and eight families. The township is crossed by the Iowa Central railroad, and the Cedar Falls and Toledo State road. Timber can be found in abundance in this township. About two miles west and north-west of the city of Toledo a large body of timber can be found consisting principally of burr, white and the different varieties of oak, some elm, walnut, hickory and cotton wood in abundance. The bluffs in this township are quite high and large, sometimes rising to a height of two hundred feet. The township contains one mill owned and operated by Upham & Bruner, situated on Deer Creek, two and a half miles north-west of Toledo, known as the Monticello Mills. The township is well watered in all parts, contains many fine farms, having some six thousand and five hundred acres of land enclosed, and raised last year twenty nine thousand one hundred and fifty-six bushels of grain, besides other farm produce, at a total valuation of seven thousand three hundred and eighteen dollars. Her stock for 1868 was valued at ten thousand three hundred and ten dollars; agricultural implements some twelve thousand five hundred additional, so that it can be



seen by the above statistics that the township is one of the best.

Tama Township is of the same general character as Toledo, of a beautiful undulating prairie surface, with the exception of the few bluffs, has about the same proportion of timber. It is crossed by the Iowa River, and the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad of which we shall speak more particularly hereafter, contains one incorporated town, viz, Tama City, which is the most flourishing city or town in the county, being situated on the main trunk of the C. & N. W. R. R., contains a population of fourteen hundred and forty-seven, divided into one hundred and eighteen families.

Otter Creek township, west of Carroll, contains a population of eight hundred and fifteen, divided into one hundred and fifty families. The township in geological formation, is of the same general character as Carroll, Oneida and Howard townships. The principal stream flowing through it is the Otter Creek, one of the tributaries to the Iowa River, gathering from several smaller ones in its course, it thus affords sufficient drainage, as well as abundance of stock water. Contains some very fine farms and small timber in different sections.

York township, east of Otter Creek and south of Oneida, is bounded on the east by Benton county, and partakes of the general character of the western boundary of Benton county. It contains one post office and village, in the north-west corner of the township, viz, Waltham, of which we shall speak more particularly elsewhere. The township contains one mill, situated near Waltham, on Salt Creek, owned and operated by Smith & Lewis, has been supplying the wants of the community here for twelve years. The township is drained by Salt Creek and its tributaries, which are somewhat numerous—contains some fine growths of timber and excellent prairie farms. This is especially a desirable township for the raising of stock. It has a population of nine hundred and two, divided into one hundred and thirty-two families, most of whom have a dwelling to themselves.

Salt Creek township, the south-eastern township in the county, contains two towns, Chelsea and West Irving. One mill, called the Irving Mills, situated on what is known as Salt Creek Water Power. This township has a fine growth of timber along the banks of the Iowa River, which crosses it in a south-easterly direction, entering into Benton county. Along the line of the river the bluffs are quite high and rugged. With this exception, the



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surface of the township is of a gentle undulating character. It contains some of the finest tracts of land in the county. Salt Creek, which, after meandering through the county some forty-seven miles, enters the Iowa River in this township, near the south-east corner. The Chicago and North-Western R. R. passes through the township nearly due west. This is a fine grain country, and one of the most populous townships, containing one thousand and sixty-four inhabitants, with two hundred and three families. This is known as township eighty-two of range thirteen in the Government survey.

Richland township, the next west of Salt Creek, is bounded on the south by Poweshiek county, contains one mill, situated on the Iowa River water power at Helena, and is known as the Helena Mills, owned and operated by Messrs. Crenshaw & Smith. This we shall speak of again elsewhere. The township is well watered and fairly timbered. The Richland Creek passes through it and flows into the Iowa River. The land is gently undulating. Contains a population of seven hundred and ninety-six, divided into one hundred and forty-nine families, most of whom have a dwelling and farm of their own. It has one post office, viz., Helena.

Columbia Township, west of Richland, is also bounded on the south by Poweshiek county, and watered in the north-east corner by the Iowa river. Along through the southern and central portion the Richland Creek and its various tributaries, drain the country. The surface is undulating, very little bluffy, the land being very nearly a level prairie. Population five hundred and fifty-five, divided into one hundred and three families. The township is well supplied with religious and educational facilities.

Highland Township is in the extreme south-west corner of the county. The land is fine and compares favorably with any in the county, although it is less densely populated than most of the others. The farming lands are fine and well drained, although timber is somewhat scarce. The present population of the township is three hundred and eighty-eight, with seventy-two voters.

This completes the list of townships. Below will be found the statistics of the productions, valuation, population, &c., which will be found to be generally correct.



## COUNTY STATISTICS.

No. acres of land enclosed, .....	117,605
“ “ “ cultivated, .....	101,995
“ rods hedging, .....	37,695
“ fruit trees bearing, .....	6,801
“ not bearing, .....	57,069
“ grape vines bearing, .....	2,107
“ “ not bearing, .....	9,789
“ bushels wheat for 1868, .....	862,019
“ “ corn “ .....	913,537
“ “ oats, “ .....	256,697
“ “ buckwheat, barley and rye, .....	5,266

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Total No. bushels, .....

Pounds butter made, .....	316,534
“ wool cut, .....	22,058
Tons of hay cut, .....	27,049
Value of farm produce raised for 1868, .....	\$1,199,155
“ of stock, .....	\$222,652
“ agricultural implements, machinery and wagons, ..	\$214,110
“ manufactures, ....	\$ 74,181

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Total, .....

Real and personal property, .....	\$2,729,942
Total valuation of county for 1868, .....	\$4,440,000
“ population, .....	14,216
Number of votes, .....	2,959
“ of families, .....	2,483
“ of dwellings, .....	2,457

## TOWNS, CITIES, VILLAGES AND POST-OFFICES.

Tama City, (incorporated); Toledo, (incorporated); Orford, Indiantown, Chelsea, Le Grand, Waltham, Monticello, Buckingham, Irving, Helena, Crystal, Spring Creek.

## TAMA CITY

Is an incorporated city of about fourteen hundred inhabitants. It is pleasantly situated on the north side of the Iowa River, and surrounded with some of the best farming lands in the county.—





The Iowa, with its bluffs and the timber lining its banks, is about half a mile to the south. The country around the city is gently undulating, the elevation being so gradual as to be almost imperceptible. One remarkable fact to be observed here is the large scope of country that seems to the eye to be one almost level, unbroken tract, then turning the eye in the opposite direction, and one of the most pleasing pictures presents itself—the bluffs lined with handsome residences, which begin to assume the appearance of affluence and comfort. The early history of the town is somewhat interesting to many of our readers, from the fact that it is an out-growth of a much older, and at one time, more influential town, viz, Toledo. The first settlers in or near where now stands the flourishing city of Tama, were James H. Hollen and brother, and B. A. Hall. Little notice was ever taken of this section until the railroad reached it in December, 1862, when two or three parties came out to prospect, but none dared to commence by investing their money, the place being owned on the east side of State street by B. A. Hall, the remainder, except what belonged to the railroad, was owned by J. H. Hollen, and used by these men for farming purposes. The first improvement after the railroad had laid off their property, was the commencement of a building by Col. C. K. Bodfish, who had commenced the foundation for a warehouse. The next stroke towards the advancement of the town, was the laying off of Bodfish and Brown's addition to the town. This apparently put life and confidence into the project. The town was properly laid off and named by Mr. Kirby the surveyor of the Cedar Rapids and Missouri River R. R. Company, and called after the celebrated battle of Iuka, Mississippi, the town prior to this, having been known as Toledo Station.

The growth of the town was slow for two or three years, in fact she may be said to have attained her present position within the past six years.

The next improvement in the building line was the erection of a large store which Col. Bodfish filled with a large stock of goods. This proved to be the magic stone. Farmers coming from the interior with grain naturally sought the market where they could get the most. Tama, having the advantage over her rival town, could afford to pay more for the grain, and the farmer finding this out, and that he could procure his supplies on the spot, naturally made for this point. This soon attracted others to the same spot.



The first starting of the town, and its success in the early history, is undoubtedly due to the exertions of Col. Bodfish and W. P. Brown.

Soon after this an influx of merchants located, among whom were James L. Stewart, Mr. Murdough, Messrs. Thomas Murray, Miller, Soleman, Morrison, Warner, and others. The first postmaster was M. V. Beaumont, of Clinton. It still retained its name of Iuka, when at the request of its citizens it was changed to Tama City. The reason for the change, it appears, was the confusion caused in mail arrangement, another town of the same name then existing in Keokuk county in this State.

The first dwelling of any importance was that of Thomas Murray, now occupied by J. L. Stewart. The two extra additions were now laid off making three additions to the town, known as W. P. Brown, Bodfish and Brown's, and Bodfish and Harmon's. The next improvement was the erection of the Empire Block, in 1855, built by a company consisting of Bodfish, Murray, and several others. Prior to this though, the building now occupied and used as the Empire House, was built. The flouring mill was erected about the same time. The methodist church was built the same year.

To more fully show the growth and business of the town, I have concluded to give a summary of the place for 1865. It contained three general stores, one drug store, one grocery store, and one saw-mill, with a population of three hundred. The shipments for the quarter ending on the 31st day of December, 1865, was as follows:

No. bushels grain, .....	25,553
" lbs. dressed pork, .....	269,145
" lbs. hides, .....	20,755
" lbs. butter, .....	10,220
" lbs. general merchandise, .....	41,337
" head cattle, .....	3,594

The contrast the reader will notice when he reaches our statistics for 1868. Other improvements were made to the town, and additions still added, as follows: J. H. Hollens, John R. Geers, and Oscar Parks, two additions.

The National Hotel was erected the season following. Soon afterwards the Union Block by Mr. Ingham, following this the large barn, now owned and used by M. C. Murdough for a livery



stable, was moved down from Toledo, which, in itself, was quite a feat, but goes farther to show the enterprise in this new town. This left the town of Toledo for the time being, without a livery stable. Since that time Lefis, Matson's, King's, and Murdough's blocks have been erected.

### SCHOOLS.

In 1867 an independent school district was formed, and since that time, two frame school houses have been in operation, but these have been found too cramped and small for the necessary accommodation of the scholars of this district, and through the energy and enterprise of the school board, and it may be well to mention here a few names, of whom some belong to the board, others do not, but to whose efforts the district is indebted for their present facilities and the flattering ones now before them, viz: Col. Bodfish, W. P. Brown, Thomas Murray, J. L. Stewart, J. H. Hollen, W. B. Hall, and numerous others. To take the place of the two wooden structures hitherto occupied, the board are now erecting a large commodious brick and stone three story building, which it is designed shall be large enough to accommodate the scholars for the next seven or eight years, the contemplated cost of the structure to be about fifteen thousand dollars. It is located on a spot commmemorable on account of its being where the first judicial proceedings were held in the county. Here is where stood the Court House tree, which, as before stated, was struck by lightning.

### CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES.

The only organization at present, having a structure of its own, is the Methodist, which was built in 1865, and since that time it has had a steady and healthy growth. In addition to this the Episcopalian, Campbellite, Baptist, and several other religious organizations, have good membership and large Sabbath schools connected with them. Several of these societies hold their meetings in what is known as Merchant's Hall, but contemplate building structures of their own the coming year. The Masons, Odd Fellows, and Good Templars have lodges here, with large membership, all apparently in good, sound and flourishing condition.

### HOTELS.

The first structure occupied for boarding house purposes was kept by Mr. Blodgett in 1864. Soon after several others com-





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menced. But the first structure erected for hotel purposes was the National, a large frame building situated near the Empire Block, now under the control of E. J. Brown, Esq. The house is large, commodious, and in all respects ranks as a first-class hotel, the present proprietor being an experienced hotel keeper, which is a material addition even to a good house.

The Empire is situated in the west end of the city. This was built for a store and the upper stories for lodging, but has since been remodeled and enlarged and converted into a Hotel. The building is owned by M. C. Murdough, but as mine host we find the old pioneer landlord of Toledo officiating, formerly proprietor of the Crary House in that place, well experienced in his business, and in all respects a model landlord, and keeps a first-class house. Such you will find Dr. U. Younkin if you ever give him a call.

In addition to these, there are several private boarding houses. Among the principal of these is the Pioneer House, by Silas Russell, Esq. These are all noted for their good tables and accommodating proprietors, good order and cleanliness.

The first Justice of the Peace for the county was located in this neighborhood, viz, James H. Hollen, bearing commission of April 1853. The first death was that of W. P. Hollen, April 1st, 1853.

The first births were those of Ewing Blodgett and W. P. Hollen in the spring of 1853. The first marriage was that of W. P. Hollen, now Marshal of Tama City, with Miss Sarah Bruner; the second was that of George Davis and Rebecca Bruner.

### PAPERS.

The city has two papers published there. The *Tama Citizen* was started by Mr. Ingham, who afterwards sold out Mr. Cambridge, who is still the editor and proprietor. The paper has been vigorously and ably edited, and still retains its well earned reputation, it being an advocate of sound Republican doctrines, and from appearances we should judge it well patronized and comfortably sustained.

The *Herald of Economy* is also published here. This is a monthly sheet, distributed gratuitously through the city and county in the interest of the business men, its object being the advancement of the business prosperity of the town. It is well written, neatly printed, and a correct directory of the business men to the stranger entering the city, and reflects great credit to its proprietor and editor, Wm. Heath.



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## POST-OFFICE.

The first post-office established at this point was under the supervision of C. V. Beaumont, since which time it has changed hands, until now we find it under the control of J. D. Tims, Esq., and through whose courtesy we receive the following

## POSTAL STATISTICS.

No. of letters received for 1868, .....	57,384
" " mailed " " .....	49,826
" weekly papers received for 1868, .....	524
" monthlies " " " .....	57

This does not include the papers published in the county nor the monthlies, weeklies, &c. that are prepaid.

## POST-OFFICE FOR 1853,

Which at that time was in charge of J. H. Hollen of this place, and was the only post-office for the southern portion of the county. The business of the office can be seen from the following. It was then known as the Toledo post-office.

James H. Hollen P. M.—1st quarter, Number weekly papers received, 18; amount cash received, 59c; sale of postage stamps \$2,27; total receipts, \$2,86.

2d quarter, cash receipts \$8,21; papers distributed, 54.

3d quarter, papers distributed, 62; cash receipts, \$9,85.

## BUSINESS.

The business of the city is divided as follows: one flouring mill, seven general stores, six grain dealers, four dealers in provisions and groceries, two hardware stores, two boot and shoe shops, three agricultural implement dealers, four lumber yards, one coal yard, three saloons, two restaurants, four clothing stores, including the tailors, three drug stores, two furniture stores, one bank, two newspapers, two livery stables, two harness shops, one photograph gallery, four physicians, three attorneys, two billiard rooms, one dentist, seven insurance agents, three jewellers, two meat-markets, two carriage manufactories, two saw mills, two real estate agents, two brick makers, with the usual number of carpenters, painters, builders, plasterers, masons, paper hangers, and others.



## SUMMARY OF BUSINESS.

No.	Business.	Cap'l.	Sales.
6	Dry goods, grocery and clothing, .....	\$ 55,000	\$166,000
5	Groceries and provisions, .....	39,000	117,500
3	Drugs, .....	13,000	40,000
4	Clothing, including tailors, .....	9,640	21,000
2	Boots & shoes, .....	3,500	9,500
3	Agricultural warehouse, .....	20,560	164,000
2	Hardware, .....	9,000	29,000
2	Harness shop, .....	1,800	7,500
2	Livery stables, .....	5,500	16,000
5	Restaurants and saloons, .....	1,550	9,500
4	Lumber yards, .....	58,600	152,220
2	Furniture, .....	4,500	15,200
2	Mills, 1 flouring, and 1 saw mill, .....	34,000	89,600
2	Meat-markets, .....	2,000	8,600
4	Grain dealers (including stock), .....	44,500	389,000
Total,		\$302,150	\$1,234,020

## CHICAGO &amp; N. W. R. R. STATISTICS.

Through the courtesy of Charles N. Davis, Esq., agent for the company at this point, we are enabled to give our readers a statement of the business transacted at this point.

No. cars lumber shipped .....	726
“ feet “ “ .....	4,250,000
“ cars wheat “ .....	677
“ “ other grains shipped .....	28
“ “ potatoes “ .....	3
“ “ cattle, hogs and sheep .....	77
“ lbs. flour .....	710,380
“ “ wool .....	17,230
“ “ hides .....	47,930
“ “ tallow .....	13,200
“ “ butter .....	19,880
“ “ dressed pork .....	232,310
“ “ miscellaneous merchandise .....	480,380
“ bbls. eggs .....	255
“ M. brick .....	20
The tonage on freight forwarded was .....	17,813,480
“ “ “ received .....	21,587,460

total of lbs.	39,400,940
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The receipts in cash have been for chg's on fr't re'd	\$90,023,46
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For passenger tickets .....	14,525,30
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Total,	\$104,548,79
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To which add charges on freight forwarded and earnings of station, .....	81,313,85
showing a grand total of .....	189,462,64



## STATEMENT OF THE TAMA COUNTY BANK.

Opened December 16th 1868—business done to the 1st of July, 1869.

N. Y. Exchange, .....	\$ 95,000
Chicago Exchange, .....	230,000
Money loaned, .....	70,000
Money deposited, .....	320,000
Collections made and in process, .....	130,000
Government bonds, .....	25,000
Total, .....	<u>\$837,000</u>

From the above statistics our readers can see the magnitude of the business done at this point. Among the principal business men, we find C. H. Kentner, proprietor of the Tama City Elevator, and general dealer in grain, stock, &c., and forwarding and commission merchant; W. P. Parker, dealer in agricultural implements; Messrs. Murray & Boughton, grain and produce dealers and general warehousemen; Messrs. Backen, Goodell & Day, dealers in agricultural implements, grain, &c.—doing a large business;—C. K. Bodfish & Co., proprietors of the Tama City Mills. The mills are situated near the railroad track, in the eastern portion of the city. It is a large three story brick structure 40x40, operated by a 25 horse power steam engine, with two run of burrs, capable of manufacturing 60 barrels of flour every 24 hours. It has a storage capacity of 1000 bushels, costing some \$16,000, manufacturing some excellent flour, known as the Tama City Standard. On the east end of the mill an addition has been erected and a circular saw put in. They are now prepared to manufacture flour and saw timber on the shortest notice. G. H. Warren is the gentlemanly proprietor of the Tama City Bank, which is doing a flourishing business. W. P. Brown is the owner and manager of Brown's Elevator, which is too well known to need any comment from us, he being one of the first proprietors of the now flourishing city of Tama. M. G. Murlough we find carrying a large stock of general merchandize; he is also one of the pioneers of the city.—B. A. Hall we find superintending a large lumber yard in the interest of Messrs. Young & Co., of Clinton. N. Lewis & Co. we also find carrying a large stock of lumber, doors, sash, blinds, &c. Messrs. Bruner & Hill are carrying a choice assortment of dry goods, groceries, hats, caps, &c.

Messrs. J. B. Spafford & Co., we find carrying a heavy and choice stock of dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, hats, caps and groceries, having been here some three years. Thomas Whitten, you will always find full of business, buying general produce to ship east, this being a branch of a Chicago house. He is one of Toledo's former merchants moved here some six years ago. M. Laffa there is full of choice clothing, where you can be suited with everything in the grade line. Newcombe & Bro. are turning out harness. M. Solomon and W. H. Farrar are each to be found with fine stores





full of choice drugs, paints, oils, perfumery, &c. L. A. Sanborn, John Matson, J. Brice, Rabaugh & Shields, George Hember, and John Ressitmeyer, are each, we find, in the saloon and confectionery line. J. B. Tims, the efficient postmaster of this place, is, we find, handling a choice assortment of groceries. Harger & Co. are in the meat business; George Peudh, tailoring; James Veoss has opened a billiard saloon; John Matthews manufacturing all kinds of harness. J. R. Smith's store is full of goods, consisting of choice staple and fancy groceries, glass and willow ware, crockery, &c. Just opened, but has already commanded a large and lucrative trade. He is also agent for the American Merchants Union Express Company at this place. J. Nicholson, we find practicing in the dental line. For further particulars, see his card. H. V. Barnes, painter, paper hanger, &c. J. L. Stewart we find as general agent for all the choice musical instruments in the market. (See card.)

In the Empire Block we find some large and commodious stores. These are occupied by S. W. Cole, with a large stock of hardware; Messrs. D. Arb & Co., with a large and complete assortment of furniture. L. Merchant we find with a complete stock of fancy and staple groceries, dry goods, &c.,—one of the merchant princes of the town. Also, Messrs. Watson & McKenzie, in the corner store, with a full and complete stock in the same line. This was formerly the stand of Thomas Murray, who sold out to these gentlemen in the spring. Messrs. Wells & Ryan we find in the upper part of the city, with as fine a stock as can be found in town, consisting of groceries, dry goods, &c. W. Jacka we find engaged in the manufacturing of boots and shoes; Murray & Boughton as grain dealers, Penrose & Dennis, dealers in agricultural implements and grain; Messrs. Lamb & Son, of Clinton, we find, owns a large lumber yard here, which is well stocked and under the supervision of C. D. Terry, Esq. Other men are doing business here, but our time and space will not permit of mentioning the names of all.

In conclusion, we would say that we doubt if the equal of Tama City can be found, for its age. The merchants are enterprising, with abundance of capital. Their railroad facilities are excelled by none. Educational, religious, and social privileges are all that can be desired. With a rich country surrounding it, and being in direct communication with the grain markets of the east, its odds fair to become a large and influential city.

### TOLEDO.

This is the county-seat of Tama county. It is pleasantly situated on a gentle bluff, which commands an interesting view of the country surrounding it. It is situated near the centre of Toledo township, about six miles south and two miles west of the geographical center of the county, and two miles and a half north of Tama City, on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. The name, as near as we can ascertain, was given by J. H. Hollan, of Tama



City, long before Tama City was ever thought of. The township was called that, and at his request the post-office was so called; and at the election to locate the court house it was decided to call the town Toledo, undoubtedly in honor of Toledo, Ohio. The first frame building ever erected where Toledo now stands, was by J. Zehrung, which was erected for a store and dwelling, in 1854. This was, I believe, the first frame house built in the county.

The town had a healthy and rapid growth, and in fact was the nucleus of trade for miles around until 1862. The town was laid out in 1853, by Judge Vermilya, who was at that time County Judge. The first frame dwelling was built by T. J. Staley, Esq., on the north-east corner of the public square. The third building was a log store, by Mr. Baur. This is now back of W. F. Johnstone & Co.'s store. The next was a blacksmith shop, by Wise & Hunt. The town at this time began to put on quite a business air, and in the fall of 1854 we find had grown to such proportions as to need a school house, which was accordingly erected, and in 1856 we find a Baptist church in existence.

This being the county seat, it naturally attracted trade this way. The farmer could buy his provisions and transact his business and return. The county offices, we find, were in a frame building on the east side of the public square, and remained there until the new edifice was completed in 1867.

From 1863 down to the present date, a strong rivalry has existed between Toledo and Tama City. The former had the advantage of being the county seat, and being more centrally located, and having abundance of means. While on the other hand, Tama had the advantage of the railroad. The fight between the two towns has been bitter and long, and has resulted undoubtedly in the building up of both, for each had to make extra exertions in order to keep up with each other. The character and tact of the business men of this city can be readily seen by their being able to hold a town with its business &c., the way they have done for years past, against a powerful rival, and one having the superior advantage of railroad connection, notwithstanding she had lost one great and important branch of western commerce, viz, the grain trade, as this invariably seeks the market where it can procure the most, and Tama, having the advantage in this respect, Toledo necessarily lost it, but nothing daunted they held out extra inducements, and laboring under these difficulties, it has commanded a large trade, some of its merchants being the wealthiest in the county. The future of Toledo looks flattering, being shortly to be connected with our railroad system by a plug railroad running north from Tama to Toledo, ultimately to form a part of the Iowa Central railroad. The money for this enterprise has already been raised, and undoubtedly before another spring the snort of the steam king will be heard in the streets of Toledo. The officers of the company are W. F. Johnstone, Esq., president, and W. H. Harrison, secretary.



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The Court House, situated in the middle of Court Housesquare, is a truly magnificent building and a model Court House. The building is made of brick and stone, iron finish. The basement is used for storage. The next floor is divided into elegant and comfortable offices, large, well ventilated, and elaborately finished. The upper or third floor is divided into jury and court room. The audience or court room is a model of neatness and taste, and altogether the building and its grounds is an object of which the citizen may well feel proud. It was, as near as we can learn, erected by voluntary contributions of the citizens of Toledo, and when completed donated to the county for its use.

## COURT HOUSE OFFICERS.

We find that the offices at the disposal of the county have been held by the following individuals:

Judges—Hon. J. C. Vermilya, Judge Clark, Hon. Jno. Allen, Hon. T. F. Bradford, Hon. T. A. Graham, Hon. T. S. Free.

Clerks—David D. Applegate, and L. B. Blinn.

Sheriffs—Miron Blodgett, George Free, Wm. Gardner, H. C. Foster, Thomas Murray, H. A. Williamson, and Knight Dexter, the present incumbent.

Recorders & Treasurers—John Ross, T. J. Staley, A. J. Wheaton, James H. Struble.

Recorder—J. Yeiser, Jr.

Treasurer—J. H. Struble.

Auditor—T. S. Free.

## SCHOOLS.

It forms an independent district, has two schools, one held in basement of the Congregational Church, the other in a two story brick structure to the south-east of the town, in which a graded school is taught, with A. H. Sterrett as principal.

## CHURCHES.

It is called the city of churches. In 1865 it had five churches, belonging to Methodists, Congregationalists, Presbyterians, Baptists, and Catholics, respectively. We find now that it contains two more. The Methodist, under the guidance of the Rev. J. S. Eberhart; the Free-will Baptist, under the Rev. C. Messer; the Presbyterian, Rev. J. L. Martyn pastor; Congregational, Rev. Prof. R. Wilkinson, pastor; 1st Baptist, Rev. Prof. H. A. Brown, pastor; Christian Church, \_\_\_\_\_; Catholic Church, D. Urbin, pastor. These have nearly all of them large Sabbath Schools connected with them, and the churches have large membership, and are all, Sabbath Schools and churches, in a flourishing and prosperous condition.

## SOCIETIES.

The city has two secret societies—Toledo Lodge, No. 113, A.



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To more fully show the contrast and the growth of the town, the following sketch of the town for 1863, is given:

It contained then, three dry goods stores, two hotels, one drug store, one jewelry shop, one clothing store, two photograph galleries, two tailor shops, one barber shop, two carriage shops, two harness shops, three blacksmith shops, two cabinet shops, one cooper shop, one agricultural warehouse, one printing office, five churches, and a population of eight hundred.

#### BUSINESS SUMMARY FOR 1863.

No.	Business.	Cap'l.	Sales.
5	General stores, .....	\$56,000	\$201,000
5	Grocery & provisions, .....	7,000	59,000
2	Hardware, .....	14,000	38,000
1	Restaurant, .....	1,600	3,500
2	Clothing, .....	3,000	6,500
2	Drugs, &c., .....	8,000	30,000
2	Carriage & Wagon shops, .....	3,500	32,000
3	Millinery stores, .....	1,500	3,500
1	Jewelry store, .....	1,000	2,500
2	Furniture, .....	3,500	16,000
1	Livery stable, .....	3,500	8,000
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		\$101,600	\$400,000

#### TOLEDO POST OFFICE.

The post master has kindly furnished us the following exhibit of the business of the post-office for the quarter ending June 30th, which exhibit we hope will not be without interest to many of our readers.

Number of money orders issued 313, amounting to \$6,301.51.

Number money orders paid 130, amounting to \$2,225.34.

Letters sent during the quarter, 10,800.

At the close of the quarter there were taken at the office 1,013 weekly, and 12 daily papers, and 115 monthly magazines.—*Republican*.

#### BUSINESS MEN.

Among the principal business men in Toledo, we find the following. Messrs. W. F. Johnstone & Co., Free & Morse, Harrison & Alden, Weiting & Chapman, Rhodi & Wolk, and Clark Bros, each carrying a stock of general merchandise, and doing a large and lucrative trade; F. Brown, W. C. Walters, Fee & Doolittle, S. Stiger, dealing in groceries and provisions exclusively; D. Arb & Co., and D. Wallace, furniture manufacturers and dealers; J. S. Moore, artist; W. Bradbrook, J. M. Cobb, Hinton & Spaythe, Stoner & McCullough, M. H. Boyle, wagon-makers and black-





smiths; Messrs. Eadie, Guilford & Co., (who purpose erecting an elevator this fall), and A. Bartlett, are dealing in hardware; F. Junker and B. F. Page are boot and shoe manufacturers; S. C. Rogers and T. K. Armstrong are dealers in drugs, &c.; E. B. Coates is proprietor of the Foster House, and Samuel De France we find as genial landlord of the Pennsylvania House; F. Newcomer is proprietor of the large and well stocked livery stable; William Carson and C. G. Buttkeritt as tailors; Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Cannon, Miss Heys and Mrs. McClelland are each in the millinery business; M. B. C. True we find as editor-in-chief of the *Tama County Republican*; J. N. Springer, S. C. Rogers, S. Thompson, and H. T. Baldy as M. D.'s; S. Bruner and P. G. Weiting, dentists; D. D. Applegate, Struble & Bradshaw, Stivers & Safley, A. H. Lawrence and T. S. Free are attending to the legal wants; L. B. Nelson, (see card), Judge Clark, Struble Brothers, T. S. Free, C. P. N. Barker, and D. Camery, are land agents. The city has also the usual number of bakeries, saloons, billiard halls, blacksmiths, paint shops, &c.

### PAPERS.

The first paper started in Toledo was in 1856, by M. W. B. Randon, called the *Toledo Tribune*. In 1858 the office was purchased by N. C. Weiting, and the paper newly christened as the *Iowa Transcript*. The office was removed to Belle Plain, Benton county, and succeeded here by the *Toledo Republican*, now owned by M. B. C. True. The paper is a large 32 column sheet, well printed, spiritedly and ably edited, and devoted to the interest of Tama county, and is the leading Republican paper in the county.

Toledo is an incorporated city, and as city mayors we find B. B. McCollough, J. N. Springer, and Henry Galley, Mr. Galley being the present incumbent; Hon. T. S. Free recorder; J. R. McClaskey, present recorder; J. D. Newcomer as treasurer.

### ORFORD.

This is an enterprising town, situated on the Chicago & N. W. R. R., about seven miles west of Tama City. It is beautifully located, and is one of the most thrifty and enterprising towns in the county. Mr. Helm was the original owner of the land where now stands this flourishing town. It was laid off in 1863, and embraced 60 acres of land. The railroad company had, however, prior to this, located their depot on the hill a little west of the town; but, through the exertion of Mr. Helm and several others, was induced to remove it to its present location. Among the first settlers in and around the place, we find Mr. Helm, A. Blodgett, E. Ruggles, B. McCullen, Dr. Doe, Mr. Bartlett, E. M. Stevens, and several others. The town is noted for one fact: the almost total absence of the foreign element, which forms such a large portion of our western towns. The first building erected was by B. McCullen; the first store by Dr. Doe. The first hotel was the Orford House, removed here from Indiantown. The railroad depot was built by the people, and as soon as this was done it gave an impetus to the town, and from that time to the present date the town has contin-



ued to grow. It was called Orford at the request of some of the citizens, after the well known Orford of Vermont. The scenery in and around town is truly beautiful. The bluffs here are its true mine of wealth. Not only does it add charms to the spot, but they are composed of a formation which at no distant day will cause the town of Orford to become a place of no small note.

The business of Orford can readily be gleaned from the following statistics, for which we are indebted to the gentlemanly agent, C. J. Stevens, of this place.

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## RAILROAD STATISTICS.

Forwarded by Chicago & N. W. R. at Orford during 1868 :

No. cars lime, .....	173
“ “ wheat, .....	185
“ “ potatoes, .....	1
“ “ stock, .....	20
“ “ dressed hogs, .....	3
“ “ timber, .....	10
“ “ stone, .....	12
No. barrels flour, .....	2,070
No. lbs. general merchandise, .....	200,000
Received at Orford :	
No. cars lumber, .....	142
“ “ coal, .....	32
“ “ salt, .....	6
“ “ fire brick, .....	6
“ “ agricultural implements, .....	4
No. pounds general merchandise, .....	373,590
Tickets sold, .....	\$5,263.90

At the quarry of Messrs. Rhodes & Co., a little to the west of town, we find two kilns used for the manufacturing of lime, from a deposit found in this vicinity in inexhaustable quantities, called oolitic limestone. This, from its appearance we should judge, belonged to the subcarboniferous era, for the whole formation seems to consist of deposits of fish bones, shell, spines &c. The finest, however, has the appearance of the spawn of millions of fishes being thrown together and cemented in one solid mass; and upon examination it is almost impossible to find a specimen that traces of organic life cannot be found. It is from appearances, a fine carbonate of lime, minus of sand or quartz, but seems held together by a crystalized calcareous spar. It varies in color, sometimes being of grayish white with sections of light blue, and sometimes of a dark cream, running through it. It is quite soft when first quarried, but grows hard upon exposure. The deposit here is about 12 feet to 15 feet in thickness, and the lime manufactured from this cannot be surpassed, it having now an almost universal reputation. About two miles north of this quarry is a kiln, owned and operated by Messrs. Helm & Richardson. This stone is of the same character and formation, only thicker layers. The first layer here seems to be a loose sandy formation about 3



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or 4 feet in thickness ; the second is light bedded oolitic of 4 feet ; The third layer is somewhat irregular, and from 6 to 8 feet in thickness. The same takes a very high polish, and for ornamental and building purposes, will prove highly valuable. The stone has made its mark wherever it has been introduced. Messrs. Helm & Richardson, we hear, are now preparing to erect saw mills for sawing and manufacturing this marble, and must, when introduced into the markets, prove a source of wealth to its owners, and a gigantic business for Orford.

Several other quarries are in the neighborhood, but our space will not permit us to dwell any longer upon this interesting discovery.

Among the principal business men of Orford we find the following :

E. Ruggles, Oldham & Johnson, D. R. Way, in the general merchandise trade, and refer the reader to their cards. J. L. Waggoner are handling a large and complete stock of hardware ; T. C. Shelly and James Logan each have a choice stock of groceries &c. ; H. G. Wallace, and T. P. Smith, each have a large stock of lumber, doors, sash, blinds, &c. ; C. J. Stevens, Dennis Beal, are live stock and grain dealers ; Mr. Beal is also the proprietor of the Orford elevator ; Rhodes & Smith, A. T. Wooster, and C. J. Stevens, agricultural implement dealers. In marble works and lime manufacturing—Messrs. Rhodes & Co., and Richardson & Helm. Winchel & Co., we find, are erecting a large flouring mill and elevator in connection with their steam saw mill. L. Mathews we find, is just erecting a large brick store 20x70, which he intends to stock with a general variety. See cards of these men.

D. Bartlett, we find as mine host of the Orford house, and can say that he is the right man in the right place. This house was moved down from Indiantown, since which a three story front has been added, making it large and commodious. The Eagle hotel we find under the management of J. Young. The American is undergoing repairs, and will soon be open to the travelling community. Near the Orford House is the livery stable of S. W. Bartlett, where you can obtain a first class team and view the magnificent country surrounding here. Near the depot can be seen the office of the *Leader*, a spicy and vigorous, well edited sheet by W. W. Yarham. C. L. White and Mr. Calkins furniture manufacturers ; Tewksbury & Powers stock dealers and meat-market ; D. B. Way, boot and shoe manufacturer ; C. C. Gibson, harness maker ; J. E. Bell, grocer ; B. H. Wagoner with a choice stock of groceries. In addition to these, one restaurant, two millinery shops, two physicians, three blacksmith shops, three warehouses, with the usual number of mechanics of all branches.

The town is well supplied with educational facilities. In has two good frame school houses, one union Sabbath school, one church edifice, Congregational, Rev. W. Hurd, pastor. The Baptists and Methodists, each have an organization here, and hold their meetings in the school house. It has a Lodge of Good



Templars and branches of several secret societies. These are all in apparently good and flourishing conditions.

Indiantown is a small village about two miles north of Orford. This was the first settlement in this part of the country, and was entered by William Taylor, Wm. Asher, Anthony Brecker, Miron Blodgett, Isaac Asher, Isaac Butler, and several others. It has a population of about three hundred. It has little to keep it up but the stone quarries which have been before described. The town contains one school house, one church organization—the methodist—two general stores, one lime kiln by Messrs. Wilcoxon & Shrimplin; one flouring and saw mill, by Charles Gray, on the Iowa River, with three run of burs, and manufacturing flour that has earned a wide reputation and reflects credit upon the mills and owner, and altogether proves quite an institution in the town, as also does the lime kilns of Wilcoxon & Shrimplin, and Richardson & Helm.

### LE GRAND.

This is a new town just started on the the Chicago & N. W. R. R., about three miles west of Orford. It contains one hardware store, W. H. Hamond; two general stores, by Moote Bros. and J. N. Hamond; one boot & shoe store, and one hotel. It is an outgrowth of Le Grand, Marshall county, and is mainly indebted to the energy and determination of Judge Saulsbury, for its present position and facilities. Through the courtesy of W. T. Hanks we are enabled to give our readers the amount of business transacted at this point.

Chicago & N. W. R. R., at Le Grand Station. Business of the Station for 1868:

Freights received,.....	\$ 7,713.39
“      forwarded,.....	16,954.08
Ticket sales,.....	1,978.65
Total,.....	<hr/> \$26,646.12
No. cars grain shipped,.....	111
“      “      stock      “      .....	40
Average business per month,.....	\$2,220.51

### CHELSEA

Is a small town situated in one of the finest grain sections of the county, about 12 miles east of Tama City, on the Chicago & N. W. R. R. The town site was owned by Mr. Breese. A station had existed here for some time previous to laying off the town, which took place in 1864, by Mr. Breese. The first building erected was by W. H. Graham, in the same year. The second was built by Mr. Brown in 1866, next by Mr. Smith. Each of these are still here, and are carrying on business in the same structures. Since then a number of stores have sprung up around them and numerous dwellings, until now the town is of considerable importance, containing a population of about 350. It contains three



grain warehouses, three general stores, by W. H. Graham, Messrs. Brown & Co., and Smith & Ross, each keeping a large and well selected stock; one hardware store, J. Comte; one hotel which is a fine structure, and would do credit to the largest town in the county, in fact it is the largest in the county. One grocery store; one drug store, by Stone & Hardy, who keep a choice stock; one wagon shop, one harness shop, one blacksmith shop, one millinery and dress-maker shop, one physician, E. A. Stockholm, with the usual number of mechanics &c. One church Free-Will Baptist, Union Sabbath School, Lodge of Good Templars, I. O. of O. F., and good frame school house. The society is good and mostly of a refined and intelligent class. The town was named after Chelsea, Mass. by one of the directors of the railroad. Through the courtesy of W. E. Roberts, Esq., we are enabled to give the railroad statistics of the place which will more fully show its business.

## CHICAGO &amp; N. W. R. R., CHELSEA.

No. lbs. freight forwarded, .....	3,316,510
" " received, .....	2,198,800
" cars forwarded, .....	201
" " received, .....	65
" shipments forwarded, .....	363
" " received, .....	466
Tickets, .....	\$2,281.75
Freight, .....	\$4,990.56
Total, .....	\$7,272.40

## HELENA.

This is a small place in Richland township noted for its mill which is owned by B. F. Crenshaw, Esq., and operated by P. D. Smith. It is a three story structure 50x24, three run of burs, situated on what is known as the Helena water power. Connected with the same is a saw mill with sufficient power to manufacture all kinds of lumber. The mill property is valued at \$26,000.

## WALTHAM.

This is a small town, situated in York township, and known as the musical garden of Tama county. The town was laid out in the spring of 1868, by Charles Mason Esq., embracing an area of 15 acres, divided into eight blocks. It is pleasantly located, and contains a population of 150. It has one flouring mill, owned and operated by Smith & Lewis. This is one of the oldest mills in the county, it having been in operation some 12 years, and has gained quite an extensive reputation. It has one general store, by G. G. Mason & Co., who have been here some five years; one drug and dry goods store by W. H. Nichols; one physician, W. O. Beam; one notary public and land agent, S. J. M. Bear. Foster & Cowan, Thompson & Scote, and Frank Semoline, are black-





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smiths and wagon manufacturers. It has a good public school, and a Sabbath school of about 75 scholars; one church, the United Brethern, Rev. A. C. Hight, pastor. Prior to the laying off of the town these men were here carrying on the same business.

#### WEST IRVING.

This is another small town situated upon the eastern border of the county, in Salt Creek township, and contains one flour and saw mill, one educational institution, one general store, one grocery store and two churches.

#### MONTICELLO.

This is a post office situated about two and a half miles north west of Toledo, and is noted on account of the mill located here, which has been in operation now some 15 years. It is now owned and operated by Messrs. Upham & Bruner. It is situated on Deer Creek, has two run of burrs, with capacity of 20 bushels per hour, and storage of 5,000 bushels.

#### BUCKINGHAM.

This is an old town, situated in Perry township in the north part of the county, and was nearly the first settlement in the county. Among the early settlers at this point, we find James and J. P. Wood, Dr. Daniel, Col. John Connell and brother David, William Hitchner, David Dean, and N. L. Osborne.

The town was laid off by Messrs. Wood, Connell and others, and called after the well known ex-governor of Connecticut, who has taken quite an interest in the town. It is pleasantly located and surrounded by an excelent farming country, contains a population of four hundred, mostly New Englanders and Scots. It contains one hotel, three general stores, by David Connell, Barrett & Thomas, and Mr. Morehouse; one hardware store, by L. B. Collins; one harness shop, one blacksmith shop, one physician, Dr. Daniel. It has a large and commodious public school building, and as near as we can ascertain the first one built in the county. It has two church organizations, Congregational, Rev. B. Roberts, pastor, and the Methodist, Rev. D. S. Byers, pastor. A large and flourishing Sabbath School exists here, with good library and apparatus. The I. O. of G. T. have a Solar Lodge No. 78, R. B. Bryan, W. C. T., and W. F. Brecken, W. S.

Governor Buckingham, of Connecticut, has always taken a lively interest in the town, and it is mainly through his liberality that the town now boasts of as handsome a church edifice and Sabbath school library, and in all else for the public good in this vicinity. he has always proved a ready and cheerful helper. A little to the south-east of the town can be found the well known Buckingham Mills, W. Leekins proprietor, engaged in manufacturing flour excelled by none, it being shipped from the mill direct to the eastern market. The mill is, we believe, the oldest in the county, and was erected by the Wood Bros. It now runs two sets of burs, and will shortly be enlarged and remodelled so as to compete with any mill in the country.

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